



# DoD & VA Instrument Initiative

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# ***Objectives***

- Basic Surgical OR instrumentation
- **Clinically led process \*\*\*\***
- TRICARE Southwest/Central & VA
  - Expanded to majority of all TRICARE regions
- Current DoD expenditures are \$6 Million annually; VA are \$7 Million
- Expected savings between 14% - 19%



# ***Process***

- Started in April 2003
  - DSCP contracting lead
- Initial team met in June 2003
  - Beginning criteria established
  - Composed of surgeons, technicians, nurses, contracting representatives, logisticians, and facilitators



# ***Plan***

- Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) Advertisement
  - Will be placed January 2004
  - Minimal essential criteria will ensure high quality instrumentation
- Hands On Trial - 25 February 04 in San Antonio, Texas
  - Pig Lab
  - Will "blind" all instruments
  - Will conduct extensive sterilization trials

# ***Conclusion***

- **Results by April 2004**
  - DoD/VA BPA under a FSS contract for basic surgical instruments that are clinically superior





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